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Join us as we present a special program, “St. Patrick’s Day at Arlington House”

Arlington House will host a special St. Patrick’s Day program on Saturday, March 13 at 1:00pm. Join the Arlington House staff and the District Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians as they commemorate the life of George Washington Parke Custis and his devotion to Irish causes with speeches, bagpipes, a procession to the Custis graves, and the “planting of the shamrocks.” George Washington Parke Custis, builder of Arlington House and step-grandson of George Washington, was a great supporter of the rights of Irish immigrants at a time when discrimination against the Irish was widespread and accepted by most of the population. Annually, the Ancient Order of Hibernians presents a George Washington Parke Custis Friend of Ireland Award.

Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial is a unit of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Additional information is available at www.nps.gov/arho or 703-235-1530.

Built in 1802 by George Washington Parke Custis, Arlington House was home to the Robert E. Lee family for over thirty years and to over 60 enslaved people. Arlington House was the scene of R. E. Lee’s fateful resignation from the U.S. Army at the beginning of the Civil War. The house and grounds were seized by the federal government during the war and soon after Arlington Cemetery was established.

Open every day from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial is accessible by Metro on the Blue line at the Arlington National Cemetery stop. A fifteen-minute, vigorous uphill walk through the Cemetery’s North gate brings you to Arlington House. Arlington House is also accessible from the George Washington Memorial Parkway; park at the Arlington National Cemetery, and walk or take the Tourmobile shuttle bus. Admission to Arlington House is free; there is a charge for parking and the Tourmobile.